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gentle reminder that no smoking is allowed in elevators. It is a way to say care about the non-smoker, as well as the smoker. It is a way to say we don't want people arrested, we would rather, by good taste, remind people that they should not go into an elevator with a lighted cigar, cigarette, or other smoking material.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to direct a question to Senator Marsh if I might please.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Will you yield Senator Marsh?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Senator Marsh, when you solicited a vote from me to raise this out of committee didn't you say that the only thing you were concerned with was the definition?

SENATOR MARSH: No sir, I said if you could bring this from committee, and you and the committee chose to take that off, I would certainly not fight that there. I had to now fight to bring this on the legislative floor. The committee killed this. It was my understanding, after talking to each member of that committee, that the committee would take further action. The committee did not. I feel that I have fulfilled my responsibility. I feel I should fight for my piece of legislation. The decision will be up to this body, but I will remind you that each of us is on the line, whether we are promoting the health and welfare of the citizens of Nebraska.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is there any further discussion? Senator Frank Lewis your light is still on. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was upstairs in my office trying to get some work done, trying to be left alone, not bothering anybody, and I heard Senator Kelly's voice come through the box talking about a gentlemen's agreement that they would accept an amendment which would specify or define what smoking is. I didn't know people weren't aware of it. I certainly know what it is and I don't even smoke. But anyway for those people who don't know what smoking is a definition for them . . . but not post signs, well to do that seems to me to be pennywise and pound foolish. The posting of signs is the least obnoxious part of the bill. Since it is out here and since this particular amendment is being offered, I can not see where it is going to work a hardship on anybody to post a sign saying there cannot be smoking in the areas where there cannot be smoking. All it is really is a service to the public so that they are notified of what the law is and the various areas where this law takes affect. It would be as proper to post a no smoking sign where you cannot smoke, as it is proper to post a sign saying no parking where you cannot park. It is not fair to have secret areas where a person, when he or she parks his car, will be ticketed for